The Rev. Seymour St. John, 94, headmaster of Choate School, Wallingford, CT, for 26 years, died in his sleep April 17 at his home in Jupiter, Florida.

Born in Wallingford, Fr. St. John was raised on the Choate campus, where his father, George, was headmaster for 39 years. He graduated from Yale University, Tufts University, and Virginia Theological Seminary.

During World War II he was a lieutenant commander in the Naval Reserve, serving in Europe. He was ordained deacon and priest in 1942 and became headmaster at Choate in 1947, succeeding his father. He guided the all-boys’ boarding school through its merger with all-girls’ Rosemary Hall in 1971. After retiring there, he divided his time between Weekapaug, RI, and Florida, serving as assistant to the chaplain at Christ Memorial Chapel on Jupiter Island.

Surviving are his wife, Marie; a son, Gordon, of Livonia, MI; a daughter, Margaret, of Tucson, AZ; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

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